

LACDMH PARTICIPATES IN COMMUNITY PANEL ON MENTAL HEALTH

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On Tuesday, September 9, 2014, LACDMH Director Marvin Southard, D.S.W., met with suicide survivor and licensed psychotherapist, Joan Childs, L.C.S.W., and Zoran Basich, elder law attorney, at the Beverly Hills Library to discuss mental health treatment and resources for family members. KNX Business Hour host, Frank Mottek, moderated the panel which presented personal stories, past and present treatments and new policies and programs that promote better treatment for those experiencing symptoms of mental distress.

A question and answer period followed the panel discussion; many of the community attendees asked questions about their own and family experience with mental health issues.

Ms. Childs wrote a book about her daughter's experiences with bipolar disorder and her daughter's untimely death at age 34 entitled "Why Did She Jump?: My Daughter's Battle with Bipolar Disorder."